# Poems & Thoughts

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## Mountain Dreamer's Poem

BY: Oriah Mountain Dreamer

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living. I want to know what you ache for, and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are. I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love, for your dreams, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon. I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow, if you have been opened by life's betrayals, or have become shriveled and closed from the fear of future pain.

I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own, without moving to hide it or fade it or fix it.

I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own. If you can dance with wildness, and let the ecstasy fill you to the tips of your fingers and toes without cautioning us to be careful, be realistic, or to remember the limitations of being human.

It doesn't interest me if the story you're telling me is true. I want to know if you can be true to yourself, if you can bear the accusations of betrayal, and not betray your own soul.

I want to know if you can see beauty, even when it is not pretty every day and if you can source your life from God's presence.

I want to know if you can live with failure and still stand on the edge of a lake and shout to the silver of the full moon, "YES!!!"

It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have. I want to know if you can get up after a night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done.

It doesn't interest me who you are, or how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back.

It doesn't interest me who or what or with whom you have studied. I want to know what sustains you from the inside when all else falls away.

I want to know if you can be alone with yourself and if you truly like the company you keep in the empty moments.

## All

BY: Dustin Mann

All I know,
All I want,
Is to be next to you.
My feelings for you are true.
Ever since you went away,
I've been blue.
Thinking about you day and night,
I know that these feelings I'm feeling must be right.
How can I say my dear,
That I want you near?
All I want is to kiss, hug and hold.
But towards you, I know that I could not be so bold.
Damn it this world is so cold
For trying to keep us separate!
I hope that you don't think that I'm being desperate.
For how else can I say that I grow closer to you each and every day?

## Friends

Undisclosed Author

Through the eyes of our friends, we learn to see ourselves
Through the love of our friends, we learn to love ourselves
Through the caring of our friends, we learn to be ourselves
Completely

## *EVENTS*

**Rainbow Night**
January 28th, doors open at 7:30 p.m.
2125 E. Fountain Blvd

**Super Bowl Sunday at the Pride Center**
January 30th, starts at 3:00 p.m.
125 N. Parkside

*From Our Executive Director*
*Holly Floyd*

I want to personally thank all of the people who have given their time and money to help provide a safe place for the GLBT youth of Colorado Springs. Without your help Inside/Out would not exist. So please join us for the youth fundraising event, we will ask for money to kickoff our 2000 donor campaign so come prepared to have a great time and give a little money.

# INSIDE/OUT NEWS

Inside Out Youth Services

*Newsletter from the Colorado Springs Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Youth Community*

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**Support Groups**

*Inside/Out Youth Group*
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
(Age 14-22)

*Youth Advisory Committee*
1st & 3rd Sundays
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Age 14-22)

*Transgendered Group*
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
(Age 14-25)

***Mission Statement:***
To foster a community that nurtures the development of a positive sexual identity in all adolescents, especially homosexual, bisexual and transgendered adolescents and young adults.

***CALL TODAY !!***

***Become a Volunteer and make a difference in someone's life.***

## Bold Faced Lies

BY: Cole

Bold faced lies hide my true inside. I look into the mirror and see my body reflect back, the body that God gave me. The body that God gave ME to make me strong. To make ME stronger. To make me a REAL man. From a girl child - to a tomboy - to a lesbian - to a raging militant dyke - to a shy, introverted boy - to a lil man - to a Man, a man in every sense and meaning of the word. Fingertips run slowly down and around THIS body, the one that God declared mine. I feel my curves under my fingers and I want to be sick. Where others see beauty I see pain, disgrace, emptiness and lies.

A simple task. Going to the bathroom. Enough stress for me to want to cry. Both doors say, "you are not welcome here". I look to the left, "I will never BE a woman". I never was. The woman's room is torture - the looks, the stares, the comments, the harassment (not only am I illiterate, but I am also STUPID...I cannot understand stick figured people). I look to the right, "Did I ever have male privileges?" I AM a boy, but is my BODY boy enough? Where will I be safe? Where is my home? Things happen, I get hurt. Pieces of my story are missing in my recounts to friends because integral parts have to do with my gender identity. I am so afraid. I will lose my family. I will lose my friends. I will lose my lover. I will lose my job. I will lose it all. All the comfort that I feel in all my uncomfortable will be gone. So I am forced to be TWO. Both lil man and dyke. Who did I tell what story to? Who knows who I truly am? Did I just lose it, all those words? I want to be a MAN.

## The Inside/Out Youth Group presents Rainbow Night

Help us kickoff 2000 in style, by attending Rainbow Night on January 28th. Rainbow Night is a fundraising event put on by the youth group and will include an Open Mic/Variety Show. Rainbow Night will take place at 2125 East Fountain Blvd (Backstreets and Victor Victorias old location), doors open at 7:30 p.m. for drinks and the show will begin around 8:30 p.m. There will be dancing and karaoke after the event. So please join us for a fabulous night of fun - draising.

## *WISH LIST*

Locking Storage Cabinets, Colored & White Copy Paper

We desperately need a POOL TABLE in the Pride Center for our youth Recreation nights